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AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1.   (Currently Amended) A method for providing ~~transmission of~~ a data stream according to preferences of a community, the steps comprising:

> providing a first community having members, ~~said first community expressing~~ each member of the first community having associated preferences regarding data stream content, the members of said first community are determined to have at least one preference in common ~~in first data streams~~;

> determining characteristics of said first community members' preferences ~~with regard to said first data streams~~ to provide determined characteristics; and

> biasing an individual data stream according to said determined characteristics, so that said individual data stream is biased according to said first community members' ~~expressed~~ preferences,; and

> ~~transmitting said individual data stream; whereby~~ so that said individual data stream has more content that said first community likes and less content that said first community dislikes.

2.   (Currently Amended) A method for providing ~~transmission of~~ a data stream according to preferences of a community as set forth in Claim 1, wherein said step of biasing an individual data stream further comprises:

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biasing an individual data stream according to said determined characteristics so

that said individual data stream is biased for positive preferences of said

community and biased against negative preferences of said community.

3.   (Currently Amended) The method for providing ~~transmission of~~ a data stream

according to preferences of a community as set forth in Claim 1, wherein said ~~the~~ step of

providing a first community further comprises:

> providing a second community having at least as many members as said first
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> community, each member of said second community having associated
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> ~~expressing~~ preferences regarding data stream content ~~in second data~~
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> ~~streams~~;
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> evaluating said preferences of said second community; and
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> determining said first community from said second community, such that ~~with~~
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> members of said first community are members of said second community
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> determined to have at least one ~~having~~ a preference in common. ~~; whereby~~
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> ~~said first community arises from a larger second community, said first community~~
>
> ~~determined by having a preference in common.~~

4.   (Currently Amended) The method for providing ~~transmission of~~ a data stream

according to preferences of a community as set forth in Claim 1, wherein the step of biasing an

individual data stream further comprises:

> biasing said individual data stream so that it complies with the DMCA.

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5.   (Currently Amended) The method for providing ~~transmission of~~ a data stream

according <u>to</u> preferences of a community as set forth in Claim 1, wherein the <u>method</u> ~~step of~~

~~transmitting said individual data stream~~ further comprises:

   transmitting said individual data stream on a voluntary or selectable basis thereby

      allowing an individual to receive said individual data stream on a

      voluntary or selectable basis.

6.   (Currently Amended) A method for providing ~~transmission of~~ a data stream

according to preferences of a community, the steps comprising:

   —————— ~~providing a first community, said first community expressing first preferences~~

      ~~regarding content in first data streams;~~

   providing a second community <u>having at least as many members as a first</u>

      <u>community,</u> each <u>member of</u> said second community <u>having associated</u>

      ~~second expressing~~ preferences regarding <u>data stream</u> content ~~in second~~

      ~~data streams;~~

   evaluating said ~~second~~ preferences of said second community; and

   determining said first community from said second community<u>, such that</u> ~~with~~

      members of said first community <u>are members of said second community</u>

      <u>determined to have at least one</u> ~~having a first~~ preference in common<u>;</u> ~~, so~~

      ~~that said first community arises from a larger second community, said first~~

      ~~community determined by having a first preference in common;~~

   determining characteristics of ~~said first~~ preferences <u>of said first community</u> ~~with~~

      ~~regard to said first data streams~~ to provide determined characteristics;

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biasing an individual data stream according to said determined characteristics so

that said individual data stream is biased according to said determined

characteristics, and so that said individual data stream is biased for

positive ~~first~~ preferences of said first community members and biased

against negative ~~first~~ preferences of said first community members; and

transmitting said individual data stream on a voluntary or selectable basis thereby

allowing an individual to receive said individual data stream on a

voluntary or selectable basis, ~~; whereby~~

so that said individual data stream has more content that said first community

likes and less content that said first community dislikes.

7.   (Currently Amended) A method for providing ~~transmission of~~ a data stream

according to preferences of a community, the steps comprising:

providing a first community having members, said first community being

dynamically self-defining by means of ~~shared~~ preferences associated with

each member of, said first community ~~expressing preferences~~ regarding

data stream content, such that said first community comprises members

determined to have at least one preference in common ~~in first data~~

~~streams~~;

determining characteristics of said first community member's preferences ~~with~~

~~regard to said first data streams~~ to provide determined characteristics;

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biasing an individual data stream according to said determined characteristics so

that said individual data stream is biased according to said first community

members' expressed preferences; and

transmitting said individual data stream; and

repeating said providing, determining, biasing steps 1, 2, 3, and 4 to re-establish

said first community, to re-establish said expressed preferences, and to re-

bias said individual data stream; whereby

so that said individual data stream has more content that said first community

likes and less content that said first community dislikes.

8.   (Currently Amended) A method for providing transmission of a data stream

according to preferences of a community as set forth in Claim 7, wherein said step of biasing an

individual data stream further comprises:

biasing an individual data stream according to said determined characteristics so

that said individual data stream is biased for positive preferences of said

community and biased against negative preferences of said community.

9.   (Currently Amended) The method for providing transmission of a data stream

according to preferences of a community as set forth in Claim 7, wherein said the step of

providing a first community further comprises:

providing a second community having at least as many members as said first

community, each member of said second community having associated

expressing preferences regarding data stream content in second data

streams;

evaluating said preferences of said second community; and

determining said first community from said second community, such that with

members of said first community are members of said second community

determined to have having a at least one preference in common. ; whereby

said first community arises from a larger second community, said first community

determined by having a preference in common.

10.   (Currently Amended) The method for providing transmission of a data stream

according to preferences of a community as set forth in Claim 7, wherein the step of biasing an

individual data stream further comprises:

biasing said individual data stream so that it complies with the DMCA.

11.   (Currently Amended) The method for providing transmission of a data stream

according to preferences of a community as set forth in Claim 7, wherein the method step of

transmitting said individual data stream further comprises:

transmitting said individual data stream on a voluntary or selectable basis thereby

allowing an individual to receive said individual data stream on a

voluntary or selectable basis.

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12.   (Currently Amended) The method for providing ~~transmission of~~ a data stream

according <u>to</u> preferences of a community as set forth in Claim 7, wherein the step of providing a

first community further comprises:

       providing a first community<u>, each member of which are determined to provide</u>

          ~~rating~~ an artist <u>rating which exceeds a predetermined rating threshold.</u> ~~in~~

          ~~approximately the top one-third of a possible rating spectrum.~~

13.   (Currently Amended) The method for providing ~~transmission of~~ a data stream

according <u>to</u> preferences of a community as set forth in Claim 12, wherein the <u>rating corresponds</u>

<u>to a scale of 1 to 100 and the predetermined rating threshold is 70.</u> ~~step of providing a first~~

~~community further comprises:~~

       ~~providing a first community rating an artist a 70 in a scale of 1 - 100.~~

14.   (Currently Amended) A method for providing ~~transmission of~~ a data stream

according to preferences of a community, the steps comprising:

       providing a first community <u>having members,</u> said first community being

          dynamically self-defining by means of ~~shared~~ preferences <u>associated with</u>

          <u>each member of,</u> said first community ~~expressing preferences~~ regarding

          <u>data stream</u> content ~~in first data streams~~;

       providing a second community <u>having at least as many members as said first</u>

          <u>community,</u> <u>each member of</u> said second community <u>having associated</u>

          ~~second~~<u>expressing</u> preferences regarding <u>data stream</u> content ~~in second~~

          ~~data streams~~;

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evaluating said second preferences of said second community; and

determining said first community from said second community, such that with

members of said first community are members of said second community

determined to have at least one having a first preference in common, so

that said first community arises from a larger second community, said first

community determined by having a first preference in common;

determining characteristics of said first community members' preferences with

regard to said first data streams to provide determined characteristics;

biasing an individual data stream according to said determined characteristics so

that said individual data stream is biased for positive first preferences of

said first community members and biased against negative first

preferences of said first community members;

transmitting said individual data stream on a voluntary or selectable basis thereby

allowing an individual to receive said individual data stream on a

voluntary or selectable basis; and

repeating said steps of providing said first community, determining characteristics

to provide said determined characteristics, biasing said individual data

stream, and transmitting said individual data stream in order to re-establish

said first community, to re-establish said expressed preferences, and to re-

bias said individual data stream, ; whereby

so that said individual data stream has more content that said community likes and

less content that said community dislikes.

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15.   (Currently Amended) A method for providing ~~transmission of~~ a data stream

according to preferences of a community, the steps comprising:

   providing a first community having members, said first community being

      dynamically self-defining by means of ~~shared~~ preferences associated with

      each member of; said first community ~~expressing preferences~~ regarding

      data stream content, such that said first community comprises members

      determined to have at least one preference in common ~~in first data~~

      ~~streams~~;

   determining characteristics of said first community members' preferences ~~with~~

      ~~regard to said first data streams~~ to provide determined characteristics;

   biasing an individual data stream according to said determined characteristics so

      that said individual data stream is biased according to said first community

      members' ~~expressed~~ preferences;

   receiving preferences from a first user; and

   transmitting said individual data stream to said first user, including content highly

      rated by said first user according to said preferences of said first user, ;

      ~~whereby~~

   so that said individual data stream has more content that said community likes and

      less content that said community dislikes and said first user receives

      content rated highly by said user.

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16.   (Currently Amended) A method for providing ~~transmission of~~ a data stream

according to preferences of a community as set forth in Claim 15, wherein said step of biasing an

individual data stream further comprises:

       biasing an individual data stream according to said determined characteristics so

            that said individual data stream is biased for positive preferences of said

            community and biased against negative preferences of said community.

17.   (Currently Amended) The method for providing ~~transmission of~~ a data stream

according <u>to</u> preferences of a community as set forth in Claim 15, wherein the step of providing a

first community further comprises:

       providing a second community <u>having at least as many members as said first</u>

            <u>community,</u> each member <u>of</u> said second community <u>having associated</u>

            ~~expressing~~ preferences regarding <u>data stream</u> content ~~in second data~~

            ~~streams~~;

       evaluating said preferences of said second community; and

       determining said first community from said second community<u>, such that</u> ~~with~~

            members of said first community <u>are members of said second community</u>

            <u>determined to have at least one</u> ~~having a~~ preference in common<u>,</u> ~~; whereby~~

       ~~said first community arises from a larger second community, said first community~~

            ~~determined by having a preference in common.~~

18.   (Currently Amended) The method for providing ~~transmission of~~ a data stream

according to preferences of a community as set forth in Claim 15, wherein the step of biasing an

individual data stream further comprises:

      biasing said individual data stream so that it complies with the DMCA.

19.   (Currently Amended) The method for providing ~~transmission of~~ a data stream

according to preferences of a community as set forth in Claim 15, wherein the step of

transmitting said individual data stream further comprises:

      transmitting said individual data stream on a voluntary or selectable basis thereby

          allowing an individual to receive said individual data stream on a

          voluntary or selectable basis.

20.   (Currently Amended) The method for providing ~~transmission of~~ a data stream

according to preferences of a community as set forth in Claim 15, wherein the step of providing a

first community further comprises:

      providing a first community, each member of which are determined to provide

          ~~rating~~ an artist rating which exceeds a predetermined rating threshold. ~~in~~

          ~~approximately the top one-third of a possible rating spectrum.~~

21.   (Currently Amended) The method for providing ~~transmission of~~ a data stream

according to preferences of a community as set forth in Claim 20, wherein the rating corresponds

to a scale of 1 to 100 and the predetermined rating threshold is 70. ~~step of providing a first~~

~~community further comprises:~~

~~providing a first community rating an artist a 70 in a scale of 1 - 100.~~

22.   (Currently Amended) A method for providing ~~transmission of~~ a data stream
according to preferences of a community, the steps comprising:

> providing a first community <u>having members</u>, said first community being

>> dynamically self-defining by means of ~~shared~~ preferences <u>associated with</u>

>> <u>each member of,</u> said first community ~~expressing first preferences~~

>> regarding <u>data stream</u> content ~~in first data streams~~;

> providing a second community <u>having at least as many members as said first</u>

>> <u>community,</u> each <u>member of</u> said second community <u>having associated</u>

>> ~~expressing second~~ preferences regarding <u>data stream</u> content ~~in second~~

>> ~~data streams~~;

> evaluating said second preferences of said second community; and

> determining said first community from said second community<u>, such that</u> ~~with~~

>> members of said first community <u>are members of said second community</u>

>> <u>determined to have at least one</u> ~~having a first~~ preference in common~~, so~~

>> ~~that said first community arises from a larger second community, said first~~

>> ~~community determined by having a first preference in common~~;

> determining characteristics of said first <u>community members'</u> preferences ~~with~~

>> ~~regard to said first data streams~~ to provide determined characteristics;

> receiving preferences from a first user;

> biasing an individual data stream according to said determined characteristics and

>> according to said preferences of said first user so that said individual data

stream is biased for positive ~~first~~ preferences of said first community

members and biased against negative ~~first~~ preferences of said first

community members, and so that said individual data stream is biased

according to said preferences of said first user;

transmitting said individual data stream to said first user, including content highly

rated by said first user according to said preferences of said first user, said

individual data stream transmitted on a voluntary or selectable basis to

allow said first user to receive said individual data stream on a voluntary

or selectable basis; and

repeating said steps of providing said first community, determining characteristics

to provide said determined characteristics, biasing said individual data

stream, and transmitting said individual data stream in order to re-establish

said first community, to re-establish said ~~expressed~~ preferences, and to re-

bias said individual data stream, ~~; whereby~~

so that said individual data stream has more content that said community likes and

less content that said community dislikes and said first user receives

content rated highly by said user.

23.   (Currently Amended) A method for providing ~~transmission of~~ a data stream

according to preferences of a community, the steps comprising:

        repeatedly receiving ~~expressed~~ preferences from receivers of data stream content

                of ~~in first data streams arising from~~ a ~~first~~ music-related database

                including songs and/or music videos;

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repeatedly determining a first community of receivers from said received

~~expressed~~ preferences so that said first community evolves over time, said

first community having similar ~~expressed~~ preferences for similar data

stream content ~~in said first data streams~~;

repeatedly determining characteristics solely of said received ~~expressed~~

preferences of said first community ~~with regard to content in said first data~~

~~streams~~ to provide determined characteristics; and

biasing an individual data stream of ~~also arising from~~ said ~~first~~ music-related

database according to said determined characteristics, so that said

individual data stream is biased according to said received ~~expressed~~

preferences of said first community, ~~; and~~

~~transmitting said individual data stream; whereby~~

so that said individual data stream continually has more content that said first

community likes and less content that said first community dislikes

without analysis of said data stream content, ~~in said first data streams~~ and

so that ~~enabling~~ both said first community and said determined

characteristics are permitted ~~to~~ change over time according to said

received ~~expressed~~ preferences of said first community.

24.   (Currently Amended) A method for providing ~~transmission of~~ a data stream

according to preferences of a community as set forth in Claim 23, wherein said step of biasing an

individual data stream further comprises:

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biasing an individual data stream according to said determined characteristics so

that said individual data stream is biased for positive preferences of said

first community and biased against negative preferences of said first

community.

25.   (Currently Amended) The method for providing ~~transmission of~~ a data stream

according to preferences of a community as set forth in Claim 23, wherein the step of repeatedly

receiving ~~expressed~~ preferences from receivers of data stream content ~~in first data streams~~

further comprises:

repeatedly receiving ~~expressed~~ preferences of a second community, said second

community having at least as many ~~a plurality of~~ members as said first

community, said received ~~expressed~~ preferences regarding data stream

content of ~~in said first data streams arising from~~ said ~~first~~ music-related

database;

repeatedly evaluating said preferences of said second community; and

repeatedly determining said first community from said second community, such

that ~~with~~ members of said first community are members of said second

community determined to have at least one ~~having an expressed~~

preference in common. ~~; whereby~~

~~said first community repeatedly arises and is determined from a larger second~~

~~community, said first community repeatedly determined by having a~~

~~preference in common.~~

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26.   (Currently Amended) The method for providing ~~transmission of~~ a data stream

according to preferences of a community as set forth in Claim 23, wherein the step of biasing an

individual data stream further comprises:

    biasing said individual data stream so that it complies with the DMCA.

27.   (Currently Amended) The method for providing ~~transmission of~~ a data stream

according to preferences of a community as set forth in Claim 23, wherein the <u>method</u> ~~step of~~

~~transmitting said individual data stream~~ further comprises:

    transmitting said individual data stream on a voluntary or selectable basis thereby

        allowing an individual to receive said individual data stream on a

        voluntary or selectable basis.

28.   (Currently Amended) A method for providing ~~transmission of~~ a data stream

according to preferences of a community, the steps comprising:

    repeatedly receiving ~~first expressed~~ preferences of a first community having a

        plurality of members, said first ~~expressed~~ preferences regarding <u>data</u>

        <u>stream</u> content <u>of</u> ~~in first data streams arising from~~ a first music-related

        database including songs and/or music videos;

    repeatedly receiving ~~second expressed~~ preferences of a second community<u>, said</u>

        <u>second community</u> having <u>at least as many</u> ~~a plurality of~~ members <u>as said</u>

        <u>first community</u>, said <u>received</u> ~~second expressed~~ preferences regarding

        <u>data stream</u> content <u>of</u> ~~in second data streams arising from~~ said first music-

        related database;

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evaluating said <u>received</u> ~~second expressed~~ preferences of said second community

to provide evaluated ~~second~~ preferences;

repeatedly determining said first community from said second community by

means of said evaluated ~~second~~ preferences with members of said first

community having <u>at least one</u> ~~a first~~ preference in common; ~~so that said~~

~~first community arises from a larger second community, said first~~

~~community repeatedly determined by having said first preference in~~

~~common;~~

repeatedly determining characteristics solely of said first <u>community members'</u>

~~expressed~~ preferences with regard to said ~~first~~ data <u>stream content</u> ~~streams~~

to provide determined characteristics;

biasing an individual data stream <u>of</u> ~~arising from~~ said ~~first~~ music-related database

according to said determined characteristics so that said individual data

stream is biased according to said determined characteristics, and so that

said individual data stream is biased for positive ~~first expressed~~

preferences of said first community and biased against negative ~~first~~

~~expressed~~ preferences of said first community; and

transmitting said individual data stream on a voluntary or selectable basis thereby

allowing an individual to receive said individual data stream on a

voluntary or selectable basis, ~~; whereby~~

<u>so that</u> said individual data stream continually has more content that said first

community likes and less content that said first community dislikes

without resort to analysis of said <u>data stream</u> content, ~~in said first or~~

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~~second data streams~~ and ~~enabling~~ both said first community and said

determined characteristics <u>are permitted</u> to change over time according to,

respectively, said ~~second expressed~~ preferences of said second community

and said ~~first expressed~~ preferences of said first community.

29.   (Currently Amended) A computer-implemented method for providing

~~transmission of~~ a data stream according to preferences of a community, the steps comprising:

repeatedly receiving ~~expressed~~ preferences from receivers of <u>data stream</u> content

<u>of</u> ~~in first data streams arising from~~ a first music-related database

including songs and/or music videos;

repeatedly determining a first community <u>of receivers</u> from said <u>received</u>

~~expressed~~ preferences, said first community having similar ~~expressed~~

preferences for similar <u>data stream</u> content ~~in said first data streams~~;

repeatedly determining characteristics solely of said <u>received</u> ~~expressed~~

preferences of said first community ~~with regard to content in said first data~~

~~streams~~ to provide determined characteristics; <u>and</u>

biasing an individual data stream <u>of</u> ~~also rising from~~ said ~~first~~ music-related

database according to said determined characteristics so that said

individual data stream is biased according to said <u>received</u> ~~expressed~~

preferences of said first community<u>,</u> ~~; and~~

~~transmitting said individual data stream; whereby~~

<u>so that</u> said individual data stream continually has more content that said evolving

first community likes and less content that said first community dislikes

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without analysis of said <u>data stream</u> content, ~~in said first data streams~~ and

<u>so that</u> ~~enabling~~ both said first community and said determined

characteristics <u>are permitted</u> to change over time according to said

<u>received</u> ~~expressed~~ preferences of said first community.

30.   (Currently Amended) A computer-implemented method for providing

~~transmission of~~ a data stream according to preferences of a community as set forth in Claim 29,

wherein said step of biasing an individual data stream further comprises:

biasing an individual data stream according to said determined characteristics so

that said individual data stream is biased for positive preferences of said

first community and biased against negative preferences of said first

community.

31.   (Currently Amended) The computer-implemented method for providing

~~transmission of~~ a data stream according <u>to</u> preferences of a community as set forth in Claim 29,

wherein the step of repeatedly receiving ~~expressed~~ preferences from receivers of <u>data stream</u>

content ~~in first data streams~~ further comprises:

repeatedly receiving ~~expressed~~ preferences of a second community, <u>said second</u>

<u>community</u> having <u>at least as many</u> ~~a plurality of~~ members <u>as said first</u>

<u>community</u>, said <u>received</u> ~~expressed~~ preferences regarding <u>data stream</u>

content <u>of</u> ~~in said first data streams arising from~~ said ~~first~~ music-related

database;

repeatedly evaluating said preferences of said second community; and

repeatedly determining said first community from said second community, such

that ~~with~~ members of said first community are members of said second

community determined to have at least one ~~having an expressed~~

preference in common. ~~; whereby~~

~~said first community repeatedly arises and is determined from a larger second~~

~~community, said first community repeatedly determined by having a~~

~~preference in common.~~

32.   (Currently Amended) The computer-implemented method for providing

~~transmission of~~ a data stream according to preferences of a community as set forth in Claim 29,

wherein the step of biasing an individual data stream further comprises:

biasing said individual data stream so that it complies with the DMCA.

33.   (Currently Amended) The computer-implemented method for providing

~~transmission of~~ a data stream according to preferences of a community as set forth in Claim 29,

wherein the method ~~step of transmitting said individual data stream~~ further comprises:

transmitting said individual data stream on a voluntary or selectable basis thereby

allowing an individual to receive said individual data stream on a

voluntary or selectable basis.

34.   (Currently Amended) A computer-implemented method for providing

~~transmission of~~ a data stream according to preferences of a community, the steps comprising:

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repeatedly receiving ~~first expressed~~ preferences of a first community having a

plurality of members, said ~~first expressed~~ preferences regarding <u>data</u>

<u>stream</u> content <u>of</u> ~~in first data streams arising from~~ a first music-related

database including songs and/or music videos;

repeatedly receiving ~~second expressed~~ preferences of a second community, <u>said</u>

<u>second community</u> having <u>at least as many</u> ~~a plurality of~~ members <u>as said</u>

<u>first community,</u> said <u>received</u> ~~second expressed~~ preferences regarding

<u>data stream</u> content <u>of</u> ~~in second data streams arising from~~ said ~~first~~ music-

related database;

evaluating said ~~second expressed~~ preferences of said second community to

provide evaluated second preferences;

repeatedly determining said first community from said second community by

means of said evaluated second preferences, <u>such that</u> ~~with~~ members of

said first community <u>are members of said second community determined</u>

<u>to have at least one</u> ~~having a first~~ preference in common ~~so that said first~~

~~community arises from a larger second community, said first community~~

~~repeatedly determined by having said first preference in common~~;

repeatedly determining characteristics solely of said first <u>community members'</u>

~~expressed~~ preferences with regard to said ~~first~~ data <u>stream content</u> ~~streams~~

to provide determined characteristics;

biasing an individual data stream <u>of</u> ~~arising from~~ said ~~first~~ music-related database

according to said determined characteristics so that said individual data

stream is biased according to said determined characteristics, and so that

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said individual data stream is biased for positive ~~first expressed~~

preferences of said first community and biased against negative ~~first~~

~~expressed~~ preferences of said first community; and

transmitting said individual data stream on a voluntary or selectable basis thereby

allowing an individual to receive said individual data stream on a

voluntary or selectable basis, ~~; whereby~~

<u>so that</u> said individual data stream continually has more content that said first

community likes and less content that said first community dislikes

without resort to analysis of said <u>data stream</u> content, ~~in said first or~~

~~second data streams~~ and <u>so that</u> ~~enabling~~ both said first community and

said determined characteristics <u>are permitted</u> to change over time

according to, respectively, said ~~second expressed~~ preferences of said

second community and said ~~first expressed~~ preferences of said first

community.

35.   (Currently Amended) A computer system for providing transmission of a data

stream according to preferences of a community, comprising:

a server located in a first location, said server repeatedly receiving ~~expressed~~

preferences from users, said users being receivers of <u>data stream</u> content

<u>of</u> ~~in first data streams arising from~~ a ~~first~~ music-related database

including songs and/or music videos;

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said server repeatedly determining a first community from said received

~~expressed~~ preferences, said first community having similar ~~expressed~~

preferences for similar content in said first data streams;

said server repeatedly determining characteristics solely of said ~~expressed~~

preferences of said first community with regard to said data stream content

~~in said first data streams~~ to provide determined characteristics; and

said server biasing an individual data stream of ~~also arising from~~ said ~~first~~ music-

related database according to said determined characteristics, so that said

individual data stream is biased according to said received ~~expressed~~

preferences of said first community; ~~and~~

~~said server transmitting said individual data stream; whereby~~

said individual data stream continually has more content that said evolving first

community likes and less content that said first community dislikes

without analysis of said data stream content, ~~in said first data streams~~ and

so that ~~enabling~~ both said first community and said determined

characteristics are permitted to change over time according to said

~~expressed~~ preferences of said first community.

36.   (Currently Amended) A computer system for providing ~~transmission of~~ a data

stream according to preferences of a community as set forth in Claim 35, wherein said server

biasing an individual data stream further comprises:

said server biasing an individual data stream according to said determined

characteristics so that said individual data stream is biased for positive

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preferences of said first community and biased against negative

preferences of said first community.

37.   (Currently Amended) The computer system for providing ~~transmission of~~ a data

stream according <u>to</u> preferences of a community as set forth in Claim 35, wherein said server

repeatedly receiving ~~expressed~~ preferences from receivers of content in first data streams further

comprises:

said server repeatedly receiving ~~expressed~~ preferences of a second community<u>,</u>

<u>said second community</u> having <u>at least as many</u> ~~a plurality of~~ members <u>as</u>

<u>said first community,</u> said <u>received</u> ~~expressed~~ preferences regarding <u>data</u>

<u>stream</u> content <u>of</u> ~~in said first data streams arising from~~ said <u>first</u> music-

related database;

said server repeatedly evaluating said preferences of said second community; and

said server repeatedly determining said first community from said second

community ~~with~~ members of said first community <u>are members of said</u>

<u>second community determined to have at least one</u> ~~having an expressed~~

preference in common<u>.</u> ~~; whereby~~

~~said first community repeatedly arises and is determined from a larger second~~

~~community, said first community repeatedly determined by having a~~

~~preference in common.~~

38.   (Currently Amended) The computer system for providing ~~transmission of~~ a data
stream according to preferences of a community as set forth in Claim 35, wherein said server
biasing an individual data stream further comprises:

said server biasing said individual data stream so that it complies with the DMCA.

39.   (Currently Amended) The computer system for providing ~~transmission of~~ a data
stream according to preferences of a community as set forth in Claim 35, wherein said system
~~server transmitting said individual data stream~~ further comprises:

said server transmitting said individual data stream on a voluntary or selectable

basis thereby allowing an individual to receive said individual data stream

on a voluntary or selectable basis.

40.   (Currently Amended) The computer system for providing ~~transmission of~~ a data
stream according to preferences of a community as set forth in Claim 35, further comprising:

said server being in said first location and at least one of said users being in a

second location, said second location being a different country than said

first location.

41.   (Currently Amended) A computer system for providing ~~transmission of~~ a data
stream according to preferences of a community, comprising:

a server repeatedly receiving ~~first expressed~~ preferences of a first community

having a plurality of members, said received ~~first expressed~~ preferences

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regarding <u>data stream</u> content <u>of</u> ~~in first data streams arising from~~ a first

music-related database including songs and/or music videos;

said server repeatedly receiving ~~second expressed~~ preferences of a second

community having a plurality of members, said second ~~expressed~~

preferences regarding <u>data stream</u> content <u>of</u> ~~in second data streams~~

~~arising from~~ said first music-related database;

said server evaluating said second ~~expressed~~ preferences of said second

community to provide evaluated second preferences;

said server repeatedly determining said first community from said second

community by means of said evaluated second preferences with members

of said first community having <u>at least one</u> ~~a first~~ preference in common

~~so that said first community arises from a larger second community, said~~

~~first community repeatedly determined by having said first preference in~~

~~common;~~

said server repeatedly determining characteristics solely of said first <u>community</u>

<u>members'</u> ~~expressed~~ preferences with regard to said ~~first~~ data <u>stream</u>

<u>content</u> ~~streams~~ to provide determined characteristics;

said server biasing an individual data stream <u>of</u> ~~arising from~~ said ~~first~~ music-

related database according to said determined characteristics, so that said

individual data stream is biased according to said determined

characteristics and so that said individual data stream is biased for positive

~~first expressed~~ preferences of said first community and biased against

negative ~~first expressed~~ preferences of said first community; and

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said server transmitting said individual data stream on a voluntary or selectable

basis thereby allowing an individual to receive said individual data stream

on a voluntary or selectable basis ; whereby

so that said individual data stream continually has more content that said first

community likes and less content that said first community dislikes

without resort to analysis of said data stream content, in said first or

second data streams and so that enabling both said first community and

said determined characteristics are permitted to change over time

according to, respectively, said second expressed preferences of said

second community and said first expressed preferences of said first

community.

42.   (Currently Amended) The computer system for providing transmission of a data

stream according to preferences of a community as set forth in Claim 41, further comprising:

said server being in said first location and at least one member of said first or

second communities being in a second location, said second location being

a different country than said first location.